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From District Governor Rick Caron...

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Welcome to the special post-celebration issue. And we celebrated in Grand style with about 450 attendees. We proved, once again, that we are indeed, Super-District 6400. DISCON 2018 began on Thursday night with the **Boldly-A-Go-Go** talent show and trivia contest. The place was packed, the show was fabulous, and all phasers were set on **FUN!** The high energy level of Thursday night continued throughout the weekend and carried us right through to Sunday morning. We were moved to tears by the keynote presentations of Mary Jean Gallagher, Rotary International President's Representative Ann Lee Hussey, and Morgan Weinberg. Morgan's story of her work in Haiti brought more than tears, it brought hearts to hands to wallets and in less than half an hour, Rotarians and Rotary Club's contributed over **\$10,000** to help her with her cause. Yet another demonstration that we are indeed a **Super** District.

I shall be forever grateful to all that attended. You made this such a memorable experience for all of us. Special thanks to the Thursday night performers, presenters, and emcees. We all owe a debt to the hosts clubs for the hospitality suites and to those that organized the special receptions, and the afternoon activities. To all clubs that participated in the award competitions, thank you; and congratulations to the award-winning clubs. To every member of the conference organizing committee, I enjoyed working with you at our committee meetings; and I was especially proud of the outcome of your efforts – a spectacular District Conference.

There are a few people whose leadership deserves special mention. Noel Jackson, bring my thanks to the Boldly-A-Go-Go committee. Thursday night set the tone for the conference that was so important to its overall success. Mini-me (photo to the right) will be treasured forever as memory of my year as Governor. And mini-me just shouted out a **thanks** to Paula and Linda and all the club presidents for the "wordle" that so-well captured our year together (the [wordle can be seen on page 6](#)). I learned after the conference that Registrar Judy Wernette missed being at her son's graduation to serve our District to ensure the smooth registration for DISCON 2018 and to get a good start on DISCON 2019. Thank you Judy for what is truly an example of Service Above Self. Also thanks to Facilities Chair Neil McBeth (proud recipient of the Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award) and Operations Chair Mary Kehoe for making sure everything went smoothly from the docks to the porch. Program co-chairs Phyllis and Paul Charbonneau understood the vision I had for the conference and they delivered more than I could have dreamed possible. The organization, flow, and quality of the speakers is ultimately the true test of a conference, and you earned us an A++. Of course, the conference plan has to make its way to the screen, speakers have to be heard and images have to be seen. To Liz and her PMMG team of Ken, Chris and David, thank you for your support, talent, and expertise. To have been able to "beam me in" and "beam me out" was spectacular. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Finally, conference co-chairs Sue and Bruce. Thank you so much for the exceptional conference you have crafted for my DG year, 2017-2018. I thank you for your attention to detail, for your ability to see the big picture, for your capacity to bring the best out of the members of the full committee, and for your organizational skills. I don't know that anyone will ever fully understand the number of hours that you both dedicate to Rotary and, especially to this district. But we all know very well the quality of your work and its great impact.

Live Long & Prosper  **DG Rick**

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# District Conference 2018—Award Winners



President's Representative Ann Lee Hussey presents DGND Noel Jackson with the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World



PDG Larry Wright received the H. William Ives Lifetime Achievement Award



President Therese Maggioncalda accepts the Hedke Club Membership award for Taylor



President-Elect Jeff Whitmarsh accepts the Hedke Public Image award for Dearborn Heights



DG Rick and PDG Sue present Neil McBeth with the Distinguished Service Award



PDG Sue and DG Rick present COG Awards to (L-R) Colleen Dolan-Greene (Detroit), Suzanne Grouette (Windsor-Walkerville), Dennis Hyduk (Grosse Pointe Sunrise) and Linda Morrow (Windsor-Roseland).

# District Conference 2018



## A note from Morgan Wienberg, our keynote speaker and founder of Little Footprints, Big Steps...

"I don't think an audience has ever made such an impression on me as you did during your 2018 District Conference! It began with my interactions with each of you. It deepened as I saw your interactions with each other, your openness, and your genuine kindness. Clearly expressed through friendly jokes, skits and standing ovations, was your desire to lift up others. Not only are your clubs actively helping others, but you each truly embody the joy that can come through service above self! It was remarkable to be in a room filled with so many vibrant, genuinely kind people. Thank you! I feel so privileged to have had the chance to join your District Conference. I was overwhelmed by the encouragement and support that flooded the room once you heard my story and goals. At times, living in Haiti, I am somewhat isolated and each day brings additional problems or discouragement. The boost of positivity, strength and support that you demonstrated during one weekend will go even further than the incredible financial donations made to Little Footprints, Big Steps - but you have also provided me with strength, comfort and encouragement. Thank you to each of you for your support, for your hugs and your kind words. What a powerful Conference that was! Continue being such a Super District, and such Super People!"



Past District Governor Sue Goldsen and District Governor Rick Garon with Morgan Wienberg

# 2017-18 District 6400 Award Winners

- ◇ The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award—PDG Neil McBeth
- ◇ The H. William Ives Lifetime Achievement Award—PDG Larry Wright
- ◇ The Regional Award for a Polio-Free World—DGND Noel Jackson
- ◇ Hugh Archer Award, Best New Collaborative Project—Trenton and Woodhaven & Brownstown for “Victory Gym -Heroes Hall Project”
- ◇ Hugh Archer Award, Best New Single-club Project—Windsor (1918) for Centennial Projects and Rotary Plaza
- ◇ Dick Hedke Award for Club Excellence:
  - ◇ Club Administration—Adrian Morning
  - ◇ Membership—Taylor
  - ◇ Public Image—Dearborn Heights
  - ◇ Projects—Windsor (1918)
  - ◇ Rotary Foundation—Essex
  - ◇ **Overall—Windsor-Roseland**
- ◇ COG Awards—2016-17 award presented to Colleen Dolan-Greene (Detroit), 2017-18 awards presented to Suzanne Grouette (Windsor-Walkerville), Chuck Chase (Adrian), Dennis Hyduk (Grosse Pointe Sunrise), Linda Morrow (Windsor-Roseland)
- ◇ Club Awards: Best Bulletin/Newsletter—Canton; Greatest Net Gain in Membership—Northville; Greatest Percentage Gain in Membership—Tecumseh
- ◇ Boldly Go Awards: Overall—Monroe; Area 3—Huron Township; Area 5—Canton; Area 6—Grosse Ile; Area 10—Windsor (1918)



2017-18 Dick Hedke overall winners, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland



DGE Paul Sincock (right) fired-up the crowd with his look ahead to 2018-19, urging them to embrace Rotary Int’l President-Elect Barry Rassin’s theme “Be the Inspiration” and to “Pursue the Dream” to make their club, and Rotary, bigger & better!

# Smiling Conference Go-ers!



The District 6400 Rotary Youth Exchange students present DG Rick with a photo collage of highlights from their year here!

Dean of AG's Paula Talbot and 2017-18 District Trainer Linda Morrow invited Rotarians to add three words describing District Governor Rick Caron to their "Word Cloud." You can see the results of this fun exercise below...it's not a PUNy list!



# We Boldly-A-Go-Go!



# We Boldly-A-Went-Went!

